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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA--AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN MEETS PRIME MINISTER

SOMARE OF PAPUA--NEW GUINEA.

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1. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN MET PRIME MINISTER SOMARE OF PAPUA-NEW GUINEA (PNG) ON OCTOBER 14. AS ARRANGED, MEETING WAS IN INDONESIAN LOUNGE AT U.N. HEADQUARTERS. MOYNIHAN EXTENDED GREETINGS TO SOMARE BEFORE CONVERSATION TURNED TO SUBSTANCE.

2. SOMARE BEGAN BY HOPING THAT US. AMBASSADOR TO PNG WOULD BE NAMED SOON. HE ASKED MOYNIHAN TO ENCOURAGE ACTION ON THIS SO THAT RELATIONS COULD DEVELOP ON AS FULL A BASIS AS POSSIBLE.

3. SOMARE ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF PNG'S CREDIT-WORTHINESS AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE. HE FEARED THAT PNG MIGHT FACE DIFFICULTIES WITH THE IBRD. AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS BECAUSE IT WAS NO LONGER UNDER AUSTRALIAN TRUSTEESHIP. HE ASKED MOYNIHAN TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO DAMPEN ANY
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THOUGHTS THAT, AS A RESULT OF INDEPENDENCE, PNG'S CREDIT-

WORTHINESS HAS DECLINED. SOMARE STRESSED THAT PNG HAS LOW DENSITY OF POPULATION, GOOD RESOURCES, AND A STABLE GOVERNMENT.

4. AFTER ASSURING SOMARE THAT HE WOULD ACT ON SOMARE'S REQUESTS, MOYNIHAN TURNED TO KOREA. HE ASKED PNG'S SUPPORT OF THE FRIENDLY POSITION ON KOREA. MOYNIHAN STRESSED THAT KOREA IS NOT "SYMBOLIC OR IDEOLOGICAL" ISSUES; RATHER, IT HAS TO DO WITH "PEACE AND WAR". THE US DOES NOT WANT TO MAINTAIN THE UN. COMMAND AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUT STEPS MUST BE ORDERLY TO ENABLE DISSOLUTION OF THE COMMAND WITHOUT RISK OF BLOW-UP. MOYNIHAN CONTINUED THAT WE FORESEE APPROXIMATELY A TEN-VOTE PLURALITY FOR OUR RESOLUTION. MOYNIHAN SAID WE ARE SURPRISED THAT OUR PLURALITY IS NOT MUCH LARGER ON THIS KEY ISSUE.

5. SOMARE REPLIED THAT PNG HAD JUST ENTERED THE UN. AND IT WOULD LIKE TO STAND ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING ON MAJOR ISSUES. HE SAID THE PNG HAS NOT SET OF RULES TO FOLLOW ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER. HE ADDED THAT THE KOREAN QUESTION HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED BY PNG'S CABINET.

6. MOYNIHAN STRESSED AGAIN THAT KOREA IS A VERY SERIOUS QUESTION FOR US AND HE AGAIN URGED PAPUA-NEW GUINEA'S SUPPORT. SOMARE WAS INTERESTED THAT NEIGHBORS SUCH AS JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, THE PHILIPPINES AND AUSTRALIA WERE ALL ACTUAL OR LIKELY SUPPORTERS OF THE FRIENDLY POSITION. HE SAID THAT, WHEN HE RETURNED TO PORT MORESBY, HE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION OF KOREA WITH HIS CABINET AND WOULD ADVISE AS TO PNG'S POSITION.

6. AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION, SOMARE BROUGHT UP SOUTH PACIFIC NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AND STRESSED THAT PNG MOST CONCERNED IN THIS REGARD WITH NUCLEAR TESTING AND RESULTANT POLLUTION OF SOUTH PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT. HE INDICATED THAT PNG NOT GREATLY CONCERNED OVER QUESTION OF HIGH SEAS TRANSIT BY NUCLEAR-ARMED VESSELS.
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